

Hamiltonban Township
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024

Per Resolution 2018-08: Hamiltonban Township Public Comment Policy; Persons may use audio, stenographic recorders, or video recorders to record all or any portion of the meeting. Any person using such recording equipment at the public meeting shall make a general announcement, prior to the operation of recording equipment, that the meeting shall be so recorded.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Edward Deardorff at 7:00 PM on September 17, 2024 in the Hamiltonban Township Meeting Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Announcements: None

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda as stated was made by Supervisor Reamer, Second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Attendance: A quorum was achieved with Chairman Deardorff, Supervisor Picarelli and Supervisor Reamer all in attendance. Supervisor Spence attended via telephone and Supervisor Woerner was excused.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2024 by Supervisor Picarelli, second by Supervisor Reamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Also Attending: Roadmaster Herr & Secretary Noel.

Solicitor's Report: In regard to the Zoning Hearing Board for Blue Ridge Sportsman's Association, they are asking for two things. First a Special Exception and second, they are asking for a variance so that they can have 2 uses on one parcel. The Zoning Solicitor reached out to Solicitor Battersby wanting to know what the Board of Supervisors stance is on these issues. Solicitor Battersby asked if they are generally approving this application with conditions or do you wish to close the whole thing down and say no. The Zoning Hearing Board is going to do what it does but they are asking from an advisory standpoint how the board feels about it. Supervisor Reamer stated that they need to be aware of what they are facing as all permits have to be obtained and everything has to be in ordinance. In addition, they are going to have to pay amusement tax and possibly pillow tax with the current use of the property. The Board discussed that no waivers will be given and that everything would have to be done by the book. Solicitor Battersby read off the existing list of conditions and said he would be in touch with Solicitor Eastman and let him know that the Board agrees to approval with the conditions. In addition, a Land Development Escrow of \$1500 and a Stormwater Escrow of \$200 must be established. Solicitor Battersby said it was brought up that the Blue Ridge Sportsman's Association has been allowing motorcycle gangs to frequent their establishment and he wonders if the State Police are even aware of the activity going on there. Some of the people at the hearing that stated this information were sworn under oath and now there is an official record of these events. On another topic Solicitor Battersby said he spoke

with Rob Thaeler and the Zoning map change had been done however it was attached to another passed ordinance. Needs to be advertised properly and forwarded to adjoining townships as well.

Motion to approve the Solicitor's report made by Supervisor Reamer. Second by Supervisor Deardorff. Motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business:

Emily from Brightspeed was scheduled to speak but did not show up.

Need for "School Bus Crossing Ahead" sign along Cold Springs Road near Corsa Lane.

Motion to approve a School Bus Crossing Sign made by Supervisor Picarelli. Second by Supervisor Reamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Roadmaster's Report:

- Muncibid- Peterbilt has been advertised until September 30th and so far, no activity.
- Shop Cameras, 2 of the cameras at the shop are not working. Received a quote from Cermak on those previously which should be revisited.
- Safety sign update for Harbaugh Valley Road. Roadmaster was referred to Harrisburg but has had no return call yet. Supervisor Deardorff asked for the secretary to check with County to see how many accidents have been at that intersection in the last year.
- Review of Part Time laborer applicants- Received 2 applications and neither one was really qualified for the position.
- Dirt & Gravel project is done but some repairs need done in the BB section.
- Tree trimming to begin in the next two weeks.
- Supervisor Deardorff informed everyone that SGI has a program with volunteers that could help the township with some labor without charge. 4 people at a time.
- The wall at the township building will need repair from the bee nest and the water leak that caused some boards to rot. A motion was made by Supervisor Deardorff to redo the wall at a cost of no more than \$3,000. Second by Supervisor Spence. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Roadmaster report made by Supervisor Picarelli. Second by Supervisor Reamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

- Financial reports were supplied to the board for review
- 2024 Volunteer Fire relief funds are in and will be dispersed right away.
- Auditor RFP was published in Gettysburg Times on 9-14-2024 and so far, we have had no responses.
- Lot appraisal request given to Matt Inskip but has not been completed yet.
- Health Insurance renewal with a 9% increase was received
- Motion to approve the insurance renewal with a 9% increase made by Supervisor Picarelli. Second by Supervisor Deardorff. Motion passed unanimously.
- Fee Schedule Review
- Escrow for Gettysburg National Golf Course letter sent.
- Earth moving complaint at 4520 Cold Springs Road
- Med card issue with part time laborer was discussed and it was determined that if he can not obtain his Med Card then he will only be used for mowing and jobs that do not

pertain to driving a cdl vehicle. Motion was made by Supervisor Deardorff to keep him as a laborer and not a cdl driver. Second by Ryan Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the secretary's report made by Supervisor Deardorff, second by Supervisor Spence. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission Items: A discussion was held at their meeting in regard to the Monastery as they have submitted revised plans that completely revise the original. Due to the many changes to the plan, it will now be treated as a new plan.

Code Officer: Tim is issuing citations on the warning letters previously sent with no action or reply.

Zoning/Building/UCC (PMCA):

Parks and Recreation: Had to have their last meeting in the parking lot as another member who had a key to the building was unable to attend.

The Parks & Rec applied for another grant to make improvements to the park. The grant was approved which will now go to the commissioners and they will put it in one of their meetings to award the grant.

Astronomy night coming up in November.

FREMA: 2nd Meeting

Fire Company Reports: August 2024

Fountaindale-2 Calls in Hamiltonban

Cashtown-1 call in Hamiltonban

Fairfield- 5 in Hamiltonban

ACCOG and ACATO: 105th annual convention Wednesday November 20, 2024 at a cost of \$25.00 per person. All Supervisors with the exception of Supervisor Woerner plan to attend as well as the Road Master & Secretary.

Review of their last newsletter given by Supervisor Reamer.

YATB: No report

PA State Police: None

Discussion Items:

Special Notices:

Township Meeting Dates: All public meetings are held at the local prevailing time of 7:00 PM at 23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA. Rescheduled changes of date or time will be advertised via *The Gettysburg Times*. Cancellations will be posted via a notice on the office door:

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting- September 12, 2024
Board of Supervisors Meeting – September 17, 2024
Planning Commission Meeting- September 24, 2024

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Reamer.
Motion passed unanimously.

J. Edward Deardorff / Chairman

Lynda Noel / Secretary